



Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Fest offers art, music & more, Mar. 27-29 Free event features Rock & Roll legends, 5K/1K, stunt dogs, arts & crafts

BROOKHAVEN, GA, February 23, 2015: Brookhaven's inaugural Cherry Blossom Festival March 27-29 features three days of fun, food and family entertainment, headlined by Rock & Roll legends "The Coasters" and "The Drifters."

The FREE event in Blackburn Park also includes a 5K Run/1K Walk, a Children's Village, Pet World featuring the original Stunt Dog Show, and food vendors. Serving as a backdrop for all the activities are the park's cherry blossom trees, symbols of peace and good will.

"Once we adopted the Cherry Blossom as our official city tree, it just seemed natural to have an event to show them off," said Festival Chair and Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Chase Williams. "We welcome everyone to come visit for the weekend to see all that's 'Blooming in Brookhaven."

Special hotel packages are available at Hyatt Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina, the Hilton Garden Inn, and the pet-friendly Holiday Inn and Microtel Inn & Suites.

Joining the entertainment line-up are Beatles tribute band The Return, House Broken, Heavy Chevy, jazz fusionist Eric Thomas, guitarist Myles Brown, and Joe Gransden and his 16-piece Big Band. "When you add all this great music to the arts & crafts, our 5K Run and 1K Walk, the Pet Parade and great food – there's truly something for everyone," Williams added.

What: Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival When: Friday, March 27 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 28 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 29 from Noon to 6 p.m.

Where: Blackburn Park, 3493 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Brookhaven, GA

Cost: FREE (not including food and drinks)

Pet Parade \$20; 5K/1K Run Walk \$20

The 2015 Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival is sponsored by DeKalb County, xfinity, Belhaven University-Atlanta, Regency Centers Corporation, Gables Oglethorpe, The Hyatt Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina, The Heights at Brookleigh, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Perimeter Summit, Primrose School of Brookhaven, Northside Hospital, Georgia Power, Brookhaven Children's Dentistry, Collette McDonald & Associates-RE/Max Around Atlanta, Perimeter Community Improvement Districts, NorSouth, Banfield Pet Hospital, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, Post Brookhaven Apartment Homes, Brookhaven Reporter, and Dunwoody Crier.

The Festival is presented by the Brookhaven Office of Tourism and produced by The NUN Group.

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